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### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT APRIL 28, 2003, MEETING**

On April 28, 2003, the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority held their monthly meeting. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the March 24, 2003, meeting is attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved a Resolution of Necessity for Property Acquisition for the Reservoir Street Grade Separation for property at 201 South Reservoir Street in the City of Pomona.

Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved a strategy to fund Phase I grade separations in response to the Governor's proposed rescission of Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds. Of \$130.3 million included in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program for the ACE Project, \$61.573 million had been allocated through December 2002 and \$68.727 remained to be allocated for Phase I project elements.

If ACE does not receive any more Traffic Congestion Relief Program allocation approvals, it will have a \$68.7 million shortfall in Phase I funding, which equates to the construction cost of roughly three of the eight grade separations programmed in Phase I. The ACE Construction Authority Board approved a staff recommendation that in the event the shortfall occurs, the ACE Construction Authority Board endorse the following strategy for use of available funds:

- Complete engineering of all eight grade separations (and the County/City of Industry's Nogales Street at Railroad Street grade separation project if funded by the project sponsors).
- Acquire the necessary right of way for individual grade separations on a case-by-case basis determined by availability of funds, the likely timing of construction, and

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- local impacts/preferences.
- Construct as many of the Phase I grade separations as possible with priority going to those most ready for construction. Currently, those locations considered most ready for construction are (west-to-east): Ramona Boulevard, Nogales Street at Valley Boulevard, Temple Avenue, Reservoir Street, and East End Avenue.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with CBM Consulting, Inc., for construction management services. The amendment increased the contract dollar amount by \$765,816 to a new contract value of \$2,550,779 and extended the effective completion date of the contract commensurate with the associated construction contracts.

Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with Chris McGargill for Billing Validation Services to assist the Authority reviewing invoices submitted by the Union Pacific Railroad. The amendment is intended to run from April 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, for an amount not to exceed \$78,000, resulting in a new contract value of \$200,000.

Under Agenda Item X, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved staff recommendations to propose changes to Assembly Bill 1063 submitted by Assemblyman Marco Antonio Firebaugh and sponsored by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The bill would establish an imposition of fees on ports, marine terminals, shipping companies, and railroads considered to be producers of emissions resulting in increased air pollution. The SCAQMD would adopt a program of mitigation projects for the expenditure of these fees. Since the bill does not specify that the fee revenues be directed by SCAQMD to the impacted areas including Alameda Corridor-East area, ACE is recommending that language be included stating that an equitable amount of mitigation funds be directed to the ports, Alameda Corridor, and Alameda Corridor-East areas. A portion of mitigation fees would be directed by SCAQMD to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to mitigate the impacts of a disproportionate amount of air emissions in San Gabriel Valley. ACE is further suggesting adding a section that states that no less than 50 percent of the mitigation fees shall annually be directed to projects in the most impacted areas specified in the legislation (i.e., Ports; Alameda Corridor, and Alameda Corridor-East).

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on May 19, 2003, at Irwindale City Hall.

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